

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
September 11, 2014

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. John Denver, Menifee	WRCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. Joe Shaw, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

Members Not Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point (Vice-Chair)	TCA
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella	CVAG
Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal COG
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Debra Ashby, Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD), announced that the AQMD would be hosting a free event focusing on Plug-In Electric Vehicles. The event will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at AQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar. Additionally, the AQMD is hosting its “26th Annual Clean Air Awards” on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Transportation Conformity Determination for Amendment No. 2 to 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS) and 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, reported that staff completed reviewing and responding to all comments received for Amendment No. 2 to the 2012 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP. The 2012 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2 received one (1) comment which was not about conformity. The 2015 FTIP received multiple comments from nine (9) different commenters, including some conformity specific comments about transportation control measure (TCM) projects. However, these conformity comments only require clarifications and very minor corrections.

Both the RTP/SCS Amendment and the 2015 FTIP demonstrate transportation conformity and have passed the five (5) required conformity tests: consistency with the adopted 2012-2035 RTP/SCS as previously amended; regional emissions analysis; timely implementation of TCMs; financial constraint; and interagency consultation and public involvement.

A MOTION was made (Ramirez) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the transportation conformity determination for Amendment No. 2 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP; and direct staff to submit it to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) for approval. The MOTION was SECONDED (Forester) and APPROVED.

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Forester, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Shaw, Viegas-Walker, Denver, Ehrenkranz, Krupa, Sammarco, Mahmud

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Addendum No. 2 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Lijin Sun, SCAG staff, reported that this item is a follow-up to the June 5th and August 7th EEC meetings. Ms. Sun stated that SCAG staff has prepared Addendum No. 2 to the 2012 RTP/SCS

Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is presenting it to the EEC for action to recommend approval by the Regional Council, which is also scheduled for today.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 14-562-1 to approve the Addendum No. 2 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS PEIR. The MOTION was SECONDED (Krupa) and APPROVED.

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Forester, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Shaw, Viegas-Walker, Denver, Ehrenkranz, Krupa, Sammarco, Mahmud

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the August 7, 2014 Meeting

Receive and File

4. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule
5. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update
6. Funding Award to SCAG for the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign
7. 2014 Active Transportation Program Statewide Competition Funding Awards
8. Cap-and-Trade Funding Update: Allocation Guideline Development
9. 2014 Quadrennial Federal Certification of SCAG
10. Annual “Walk to School Day” and the success of Riverside County’s Safe Routes to School Program

A MOTION was made (Bertone) to approve the Consent Calendar
The MOTION was SECONDED (Pollock) and APPROVED.

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Forester, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Shaw, Viegas-Walker, Denver, Ehrenkranz, Krupa, Sammarco

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mahmud (abstained only with respect to Item 3, Minute of the August 7, 2014 Meeting)

INFORMATION ITEM

11. New Smartphone Applications by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

Denny Shaw, AQMD Communications Center Supervisor, stated that AQMD added some additional features to its new smart phone application. One of the features provides information about today's air quality projection and tomorrow's forecast. In addition, the alternative fueling station location tracking feature enables an individual to find a hydrogen, propane, electric or natural gas station based on geographic location, city, or zip code. Another component of the application provides information on clean vehicle programs when purchasing a new or used vehicle. AQMD's Social Media Program feature enables an individual to go on-line with YouTube, Twitter, or Facebook and connect with the AQMD.

12. 25th Annual SCAG/USC Demographic Workshop held on June 9, 2014

Simon Choi, SCAG staff, provided a summary of the 25th Annual Demographic Workshop with the University of Southern California (USC) Sole Price School of Public Policy held on June 9, 2014. The main theme of this year's workshop was "Demographics of Poverty and Progress after the Recession." This year's workshop had 130 participants from 30 different government agencies, non-profit organizations and university in California. Mr. Choi briefed on three major sessions: (1) supplemental poverty measures; (2) slow population growth and demographic changes; and (3) future challenges/opportunities along with key strategies to fight the war on poverty.

The presentation generated a discussion that included some suggestions from the committee for further research and information. Staff will bring this item back to a future EEC meeting.

13. Progress of the Bottom-up Local Input Process for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)

Kimberly Clark, SCAG staff, stated that SCAG continues to engage in a bottom-up local input process for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS which employs a "local control – regional collaboration" strategy for the Plan update. To facilitate and assist in the local review of the draft socioeconomic and geographic datasets for the 2016 RTP/SCS, staff has conducted meetings with jurisdictions one-on-one to collect data changes, answer questions, and provide technical guidance as needed. To date, staff has requested sessions with all 197 jurisdictions and has met with 195 jurisdictions, or 99% of all cities and counties in the SCAG region. This effort resulted in feedback from 90% of jurisdictions on all or a portion of the current information request for the Local Input Process. Next steps will be to process the datasets for integration into SCAG's technical models, including travel demand analysis and land use scenario development. Results from the Local Surveys will be presented to the SCAG Technical Working Group (TWG) and policy committees for future integration into the 2016 Plan, and also as a basis to document implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Per direction of the committee, staff will bring an update of this item back to the committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Deborah Robertson – Update on the end results of the Bottom-up Local Input Process for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS); Update on certain items heard at League of Cities meeting (e.g., use of grey water).

Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells – Update on California Product Stewardship Council concepts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Robertson announced that the City of Rialto, in its efforts to help raise funds for a youth event, is holding its first Mayor's 5K Run and Walk on September 28, 2014.

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nadler", written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2014																					
		X = County Represented							X = Attended Black Shading = Dark												
Member (including Ex-Officio)	Date Appointed if after 1/1/14		Imperia l	Los Angele s	Orange	Riverside	San Bernar dino	Ventur a	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Mtgs Attend ed
LastName, FirstName	Representing																				
Bartlett, Lisa		OCCOG			X				X	X		X		X							4
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	G			X	X				6
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	X	E	X		X	X				7
Denver, John	9/9/2014	Menifee				X							N				X				1
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			X	X	X		E	X			X				5
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X									R								
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X						X	X	X	A	X		X	X				6
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	L	X		X					6
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X		X		X					6
Graham, Ed		Chino Hills					X					X									1
Hernandez, Steven		CVAG					X						A								
Krupa, Linda		Hemet				X					X	X	S	X			X				4
Mahmud, Diana	6/5/2014	SGVCOG		X									S				X				1
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X		E			X	X				5
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X					X	X	X	X	M			X	X				6
Mojado, Geneva	2/1/2014	Tribal COG								X	X	X	B	X							4
Munzing, Mike		District 12			X				X	X	X	X	L	X		X	X				7
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X							X		Y			X					2
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X	X			X		X	X				6
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X				7
Robertson, Deborah		District 8					X			X	X	X		X		X	X				6
Sahli-Wells, Meghan	6/5/2014	WCCOG		X										X		X	X				3
Sanmarco, Stephen		SBCCOG		X					X	X							X				3
Schmidt, Eric	6/5/2014	SANBAG					X							X							1
Schuyler, Steve	2/1/2014	BIASC								X				X		X	X				4
Shaw, Joe	6/5/2014	OCCOG			X											X	X				2
Sibert, John	9/10/2014	Malibu		X																	
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X	X	X	X		X							5
Viegas Walker, Cheryl		El Centro	X						X	X	X	X		X		X	X				7
Williams, Diane		SANBAG					X		X	X	X	X		X		X					6
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X	X	X	X		X			X				6
TOTALS			2	12	4	3	5	2													